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SUBJ: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: NEW FRENCH TEXT FOR PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4
OF NATO DECLARATION

1. AMBASSADOR DE ROSE CAME TO SEE ME ON THE MORNING OF
DECEMBER 8 AND LEFT WITH ME THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS FOR
PARAS 3 AND 4 OF THE NATO DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS
(USNATO 5957). ENGLISH TRANSLATION BELOW IS THAT PROVIDED
BY FRENCH DELEGATION.

BEGIN TEXT:

3. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE COME TO REALIZE
THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING THEIR COMMON DEFENCE
HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED IN LAST TEN YEARS.
THE EVOLUTION INTO APPROXIMATE BALANCE OF THE STRATEGIC
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET
UNION, WHICH HAS NOT IT EQUIVALENCE IN EUROPE, HAS
INCREASED FOR THE ALLIANCE THE SPECIFIC ASPECT OF THE
PROBLEMS OF THE DEFENCE OF EUROPE.

4. THIS EVOLUTION IN NO WAY ALTERS THE ESSENTIAL
FACT-AND THIS IS SOMETHING THE MEMBERS
OF THE ALLIANCE WISH TO REAFFIRM-THAT THERE IS NO
PRESENT ALTERNATIVE TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY AMERICAN
NUCLEAR FORCES BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE
AND BY THE PRESENCE OF FORCES OF NORTH AMERICA IN
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3. EN MEME TEMPS, ILS CONSTATENT QUE LES DONNEES
DE LEUR DEFENSE COMMUNE SE SONT TROUVEES PROFONDEMENT

MODIFIEES AU COURS DES DWKRNIERES ANNEES. L'EVOLUTION DES RAPPORTS STRATEGIQUES ENMY LES ETATS-UNIS ET L'UNION SOVIETIQUE VERS UNE SITUATION DE QUASI EQUILIBRE QUI N'A PAS SON EQUIVALENT EN EUROPE, A ACCRU POUR L'ALLIANCE LA SPECIFICITE DES PROBLEMES DE LA DEFENSE DE L'EUROPE.

4. CETTE EVOLUTION NE CHANGE RIEN A L'ESSENTIEL: IL N'Y A PAS ACTUELLEMENT D'ALTERNATIVE, LES MEMBRES DE L'ALLIANCE TIENNENT A LE REAFFIRMER, A LA SECURITE QU'ASSURENT LES FORCES NUCLEAIRES AMERICAINES BASEES AUX ETATS-UNIS ET EN EUROPE ET LA PRESENCE DES FORCES DE L'AMERIQUE DU NORD EN EUROPE. END TEXT.

2. DE ROSE TOLD ME THAT THE ABOVE TEXT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY JOBERT WHO HAD ALSO APPROVED THE REMARKS THAT DE ROSE HAD MADE IN THE COUNCIL ON THE SUECT OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS ON DECEMBER 5 (USNATO 5930). DE ROSE SAID THAT JOBERT HAD ASKED HIM TO GIVE ME THE TEXT FIRST AND THEN TO CIRCULATE IT TO THE SYG AND ALL PERMREPS TODAY. (COMMENT: THE TEXT WAS CIRCULATED SHORTLY AFTER DE ROSE CAME TO SEE ME.)

3. DE ROSE SAID THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 AS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. (STATE 236195) WAS OMITTED IN THE NEW FRENCH TEXT IN PART BECAUSE IT REPRESENTED SOMETHING WHICH WAS ALREADY COVERED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AND IN PART BECAUSE OF RESERVATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MENTIONING THE STATIONING OF ARMED FORCES IN THE TEXT WOULD TEND TO SUGGEST THAT THE COMMITMENT WOULD BE REDUCED IF THE FORCES WERE REDUCED OR REMOVED.

4. ON A PERSONAL BASIS I COMMENTED THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO RESTATE THE NEED FOR DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE IN A TIME OF DETENTE. I ALSO COMMENTED THAT I THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO GET ACROSS THE IDEA THAT EACH COUNTRY BENEFITED FROM THE MUTUAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT REPRESENTED BY THE ALLIANCE, EVEN THOUGH THE POINT MIGHT BE INHERENT IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC
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5. DE ROSE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING IN PART OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 OF THE U.S. TEXT. I REPLIED THAT I THOUGHT THE FIRST PART OF THE SENTENCE AND LAST PARAGRAPH WERE IMPORTANT, AND THAT IT EMPHASIZED THE IDEA THAT THE ALLIES HAD FREELY CHOSEN "TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT AN ATTACK ON ONE OR MORE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THEM ALL." DE ROSE WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON THIS POINT.

6. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THE NEW FRENCH TEXT IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. RUMSFELD

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